

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

- The House passed **HCR 5**, which disapproves the recommendations of the Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials, on January 26. On January 29, the resolution was also passed by Senate, signed by the House Speaker and Senate President Pro Tem and sent to the Governor.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The Job Creation and Economic Development Committee** passed the HCS for **HB 191**, which would remove the annual cap on tax credits for the Missouri Quality Jobs Program. (1.28.09)
- The Job Creation and Economic Development Committee** passed **HB 312**, which re-authorizes the tax credits for qualified research expenses, limits the annual credits to \$10 million, limits the qualified research activities and specifies how the credits are issued. (1.27.09)

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 2/2/09
11:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	528
# of HBs Referred to Committee	165
# HBs Reported Do Pass	1
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	1
# HBs Perfected	0
# HBs Third Read	0
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



Photo of the Week

Speaker Ron Richard signs the first piece of legislation passed under his tenure as Speaker, HCR 5.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 12 - Spring Break begins
- March 23 - Spring Break ends
- April 1 - Last Day to file bills
- April 13 - Easter Break
- May 8 - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session Ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the Governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto Session Begins



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FAST FACTS

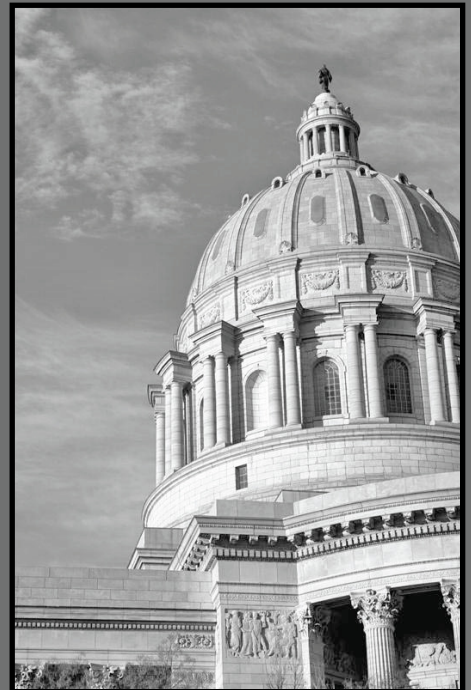
- The General Assembly is starting to craft the 2010 state budget, which runs from July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010.
- In the House, the budget is handled by 7 committees, 6 appropriations committees and budget committee.
- The fiscal years in all but 4 states run July 1 - June 30.
- Those four states are:
 - Alabama and Michigan: October 1 - September 30
 - New York: April 1 - March 30
 - Texas: September 1 - August 31
- All but 7 states collect a state income tax. Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming do not have a state income tax.
- New Hampshire and Tennessee only tax interest and dividends.

STATE OF THE STATE FACTS

- The governor gives the State of the State address to a joint session of the Missouri Legislature each year.
- The first annual address to both the House and the Senate was held by Missouri's 1st governor, Alexander McNair, on Nov. 6, 1821.
- The first prime time State of the State was held January 28, 2005 by Matt Blunt, the state's 54th governor.



Governor Nixon gives the State of the State address as Speaker Richard and Lt. Governor Kinder look on.



Did you know?

The Capitol dome rises 262 feet above the basement and is 104 feet wide at its greatest dimension.